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DROP IN POSTAL SMALL SAVINGS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a drop in the mobilization of postal small savings deposits recently due to higher rate of interest being offered by banks for deposits;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the deposit mobilization and withdrawals during the last three years and the current financial year; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of deposit mobilization, withdrawals and net deposit are as under:-

Rs. in crores

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008 (up to June 2007)
Deposit Mobilization	160895	173308	154418	31002
Withdrawal	76674	105737	117656	34211
Net Deposit (Deposit(-) Withdrawal)	84221	67571	36762	(-) 3209

(c) The decline in collections refer to inter-alia, investor's choice of alternative instruments for effecting savings. However, Central and State Governments take various measures to promote and popularize Small Savings schemes through print and electronic media as well as holding seminars and providing training to various agencies involved in mobilizing collection in Small Savings Schemes etc. A website of the National Savings Institute under Government of India, Ministry of Finance has also been launched to facilitate interface with public through wider dissemination of information on small savings and on-line registration and settlement of investor's grievances. The website address is nsiindia.gov.in.